

San Leandro Computer Club Journal

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July Minutes

The July second meeting was called to order at the fashionably late hour of 8:05, by President Robbie Bridges. All Officers were in attendance.

Robbie covered all the loot for tonight's raffle and made a real pitch to try and sell the ST color monitor he has been carting back and forth to the meetings lately. If you can use an extra monitor he will probably give you a good deal so he won't have to bring it any more. You notice he keeps saying he can't find the monitor cable?

Bob Woolley reported that one of the ATARI faithful, Alex Pignato, the president of the Ol'Hackers user group in New York had passed away.

Bob Woolley was up next with his new toy. A modified 1200XL. The modification was an added hard drive similar to the machine used last month. The hard drive this month was SyQuest's new EZ135 with removable media. Each 3.5" platter holds 135 megabytes of information. The price of the SyQuest unit was recently cut in half and they can be had for about \$135.

In his usual gifted way Bob made this 1200 XL modification using all the latest technology, the flexible mounting system he devised should protect the SyQuest unit through even a 8.0 earthquake. After much study I decided to use the same principal to mount one of these units to my PC which is in a medium sized tower. The mount went pretty good but the rubber bands keep breaking, I wonder how Bobs hold up? (Does anybody know where I can find some heavy duty 60" long rubber bands?)

Rubber bands and all Bob Scholar used the 1200 XL to demonstrate this months Floppy. The speed of this setup makes the 8 Bit really jump. With all this power and speed this months floppy with its six games and a couple of utilities took only 81 seconds to demonstrate. Thanks Bob.

After a whole lot of really first class BS the crooked raffle was held and the meeting died about 9:45.

The ST/PC SIG was traveling first class this month, a pretty 20" viewsonic monitor that Mr. Woolley borrowed

from his work made a good job demonstrating the new QUAKE game from ID Software. A sequel to the DOOM series. The 20" monitor has a lot going for it but you need a reinforced desk to hold it, a nice cool 75 pounds on the hoof.

As we are all aware the Atari world is shrinking and more and more are moving on or up to the PC world. But here and there an Atari user group still hangs on. One of these groups is our sister group in San Francisco, ABACUS. Now this group is a real stable one, it has a good newsletter and has had its share of presiding Officers who are pretty well known and respected in the Atari community. In perusing their recent newsletter I find that our two clubs have something unusual in common. Guess what?

Their President and ours are very similar, they even use the same simple minded excuses. At their recent meeting their President, old Roger simplejohn hauls all his computer junk to the meeting and then can't hook it up because he forgot the cables! Sound familiar? Maybe we could trade Presidents occasionally that way everybody could have a good laugh. Besides Roger always has a lot of toys to show off. On second thought we better not Robbie would probably get lost in the big city.

Oh well it was a good idea.

Jim Moran Secretary



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This Month

No PC SIG this month.... The general meeting will be a free - for - all (isn't it always?)

Bring a friend!

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Monthly Planner

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OUR LATEST 8-BIT D.O.M.

by Bob Scholar SLCC 8-bit Software Chairman

SLCC1408.DOC
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GENERAL COMMENTS

The Atari 8-bit community lost an outstanding leader, when Alex Pignato died suddenly on June 26, 1998. This disk is dedicated to his memory.

D.O.M. SUMMARY

The front has 5 programs; 3 Games & 2 UTILities. Most of the back is a multi-file TEXT/ADV. (Dragon Lord), & the rest is a UTILity, and a Memorial Text for Alex Pignato.

CONTENTS- DISK #1408:-

Front:- Boot with BASIC!

*--D.O.M.-->	000	*<-No. 1408a-	000
* SAN LEANDRO	000	*COMP.. CLUB	000
DOS .SYS	039	AUTORUN .SYS	002
*SLCC1408.DOC	029	HELLO	011
MENU	034	CROSFIRE.EXE	127
MAILLIST.BAS	055	HOMELoAN.BAS	107
HR .BAS	043	POKER .OBJ	259

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Back:- Boot without BASIC!

* S.L.C.C.->	000	*<-No. 1408b	000
*DRAGON LORD,	000	*& INMEMORY,+	000
*DOS .SYS	037	*DUP .SYS	042
*AUTORUN .SYS	145	*BASICL .OBJ	002
*DRAGON .PIC	031	*AUTORUN .BAS	019
*MANUAL	025	*CHARSET	039
TOPTEN .DAT	002	*DRLoRD .TUR	205
*DUNGEON1	010	*DUNGEON2	010
*DUNGEON3	010	*DUNGEON4	010
*DUNGEON5	010	*DUNGEON6	010
DRAGON .DOC	007	INMEMORY.AP	010
QUICKREF.BAS	074	QUICKREF.TXT	009

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PROGRAM DETAILS

CROSFIRE.EXE is a very fast BIN-ary Game for one player and Joystick. You must defend the City against many invaders. I have several versions of this Game; this one has exceptionally sharp graphics. You have to read the scores fast when a game ends (it goes into 'DEMO' mode at that point). The author and source are unknown.

MAILLIST.BAS (Mighty Mailer)- by Philip Bate, Ph.D. from ANTIC 9/87 is

a powerful, versatile and easy-to-use mailing lister. It can find an entry from any part of the name/address; or scroll through the list and print all selected entries; or 5 other options. It's largely self explanatory.

HOMELoAN.BAS by Jim Skinner, from ANTIC 2/85, is a reprint from the APX (Atari Program Exchange). It makes it easy to track your mortgage, etc. It is menu driven and self explanatory.

HR.BAS (Horse Race) by J.R. Payne is from AIM (2,3/92). It's easy, and highly suitable for younger players.

POKER.OBJ (Poker Machine) is from OHAUG's 3,4/96 NewsLetter. It's very well done; with excellent graphics; a good set of instructions; and it will save your status (\$ won or lost) in a separate file which it writes to disk when you instruct it to cash out. If you play it, be sure your disk has at least one Free Sector for this file.

Dragon Lord by Robert De Letter, (OHAUG member from Belgium); is from the 9,10/96 OHAUG NewsLetter which is Alex Pignato's last Editorial effort. It uses most of the back of this disk (16 files designated by an *). It is an ORIGINAL, as explained in the DOC. (which was excerpted from Alex's disk notes). It runs under Turbo BASIC, so you boot it without BASIC and ONLY on XL/XE. Don't lock TOPTEN.DAT;- it is the record of top 10 scores, and must be kept open to rewrite them.

INMEMORY.AP is a text Memorial to Alex Pignato. Most of it is excerpted from an enclosure I received with the OHAUG NewsLetter for Sept./Oct. 1996, which could have been written by Alan Sharkis &/or Ron Fetzer (N/L Editor, and Secy.-Treas.; respectively).

QUICKREF.BAS (&.TXT) are from the OHAUG NewsLetter for Sept./Oct. 1996. Programmed by D. Wohrmund & G. Hewer; it's (C) 1983. It can be very useful to analyze a BASIC program for any of a number of reasons- as explained in the QUICKREF.TXT file.

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General Meeting

**Tuesday, August 6th, 1996
8:00PM**

**San Leandro Community Library
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